

## Frequently Asked Questions – Ben Avery Shooting Range

Arizona Game and Fish Department

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**Q: How does the public range work?**

A: We have 67 shooting tables with two shooting positions each. Every 15 minutes, a cease-fire will be called, and shooters have the opportunity to walk downrange to set up, change, or remove targets.

**Q: What is the price?**

A: Please visit our [prices](#) webpage for current information.

**Q: Do you close the Main Range during large events?**

A: No, all other events are scheduled on other ranges. Main Range is a public range, therefore it doesn't close during events. Normal operating hours remain unchanged throughout all events.

**Q: It is my first time visiting the range. Is there anything I should do before I come?**

A: Please have everyone in your party watch our seven minute safety video. You may also watch it when you arrive if that is more convenient.

**Q. Are eye and ear protection required?**

A: Yes. Plugs are sufficient protection for ears. Eye protection must be worn by shooters and spectators while on the main range. Sunglasses and prescription eyewear are acceptable substitutes.

**Q: What are the available distances on the public range?**

A: There are sixty-seven shooting tables, each with a position for shooting at five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five, fifty, and one hundred yards. Twenty-seven of these tables have a two hundred yard shooting position.

**Q: Can I bring food or drink to the range?**

A: We do not allow food inside Main Range. Resealable drinks are permitted. Picnic tables are available for public use outside the firing line.

**Q: Where are you located?**

A: Ben Avery Shooting Facility is located on the northwest corner of the 1-17 and Carefree Highway (SR-74).

**Q: Do you close during inclement weather?**

A: We are subject to inclement weather. In cases of high wind, close lightning strikes, or any other weather condition that range personnel deem to be unsafe the range will be closed until the weather improves. We do not give rain checks or refunds.

**Q: Do you rent firearms or sell ammunition?**

A: We do not rent firearms or sell ammunition. Please make sure you bring correct ammunition for your firearms.

**Q: How can I use the other ranges?**

A: Public shooting is available at the Main Range and Archery Ranges only. However, you may [contact](#) a club that utilizes the range you are interested in and inquire about shooting opportunities.

**Q: Do you sell spent brass?**

A: We do not sell spent brass, nor is any collection of brass permitted; however, you may pick up your own brass after it has been shot.

**Q: What are your safety rules?**

A: You may read our safety rules [here](#).

**Q: Where do I check in for Main Range?**

A: Main Range check in is at the Shooting Sports Center located in the parking lot. There are signs to lead the way.

**Q: Do my firearms need to be in a case?**

A: Ensure that all firearms are transported in cases. We require all firearms to be in a case or, in the case of pistols, we do allow holstered firearms on the range so long as they are worn on a belt on the shooters strong side. Hand carried holstered firearms are not permitted on the range nor are cross-draw, small-of-back, or shoulder holsters.

**Q: Can I make reservations?**

A: We do not accept reservations. We operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Q: I am bringing a large group of friends. Can I use several tables?**

A: We do our best to accommodate large groups. If you are a large party of shooters, during high volume times or during waiting lists, you may only be able to receive a single shooting table.

**Q: I just bought a new gun but have never shot before. Can someone there teach me?**

A: While range personnel may offer shooting advice if solicited, we do not have instructors on site and cannot perform this service. A variety of private instructors hold classes at our range. For a list of their names and contact information, please click [here](#).

**Q: Do you offer any equipment rentals?**

A: We have spotting scopes and rifle rests available for rent. We do not rent chronographs.

**Q: Something is wrong with my gun and it won't shoot. Can someone there fix it for me?**

A: We do not offer gunsmithing services. Most local gun shops can help you out.

**Q: Can you sight in my hunting rifle?**

A: Sight in services are contingent upon staff availability. Please inquire in the Shooting Sports Center for current availability.

**Q: I have some old ammunition that I don't plan on using. Can I take it to the range for disposal?**

A: We do not offer disposal of old or "bad" ammunition at this time.

**Q: Where do I check in for Archery?**

A: You may check in at either Clay Target Center or the Shooting Sports Center. Keep in mind that the Shooting Sports Center may close before the Archery Range closes. Clay Target Center is always open to check in during Archery Range hours. Clay Target Center now manages the Archery Range so please direct any archery questions to them.